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EXPORT OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to increase export of arms and ammunitions by Ordnance Factories and the achievements made therein;

(b) the items and the countries to which arms and ammunitions have been exported and value thereof;

(c) whether any complaints were received about the quality of arms and ammunitions so exported; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

(a) The Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) has taken various steps to promote defence exports like registration with defence procurement agencies of various countries, quick response to enquiry, advertisement in defence related publications and by participation in International Defence Exhibitions. This has resulted in defence exports increasing from Rs. 6.19 crores in 1999-2000 to Rs. 104 crores in 2003-2004.

(b) The main items of supply are INSAS Rifle and LMG, Mine Protected Vehicle, 105 mm Light Field Gun, various type of ammunition and miscellaneous stores to Nepal, USA, Egypt, Oman and other countries.

(c) In a particular case, a complaint was received regarding the functioning of Rifle 5.56 mm INSAS.

(d) A team was sent from the OFB to investigate the matter. Lack of training of the user was found to be the main reason for the complaint. With necessary training imparted by the OFB personnel, the matter was resolved.